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In re application of :  
Akira MOTOJIMA et al. :  
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SOUND SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A sound system according to Claim 3, wherein a delaying means is intervened before the adding means.

Please add the following new claims:

--12. A sound system according to Claim 4, wherein a delaying means is intervened before the adding means.

13. A sound system according to Claim 5, wherein a delaying means is intervened before the adding means.



**REMARKS**

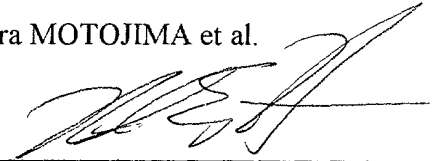
The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Respectfully submitted,

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